

We Claim:

5       1. An absorbent article comprising:  
a absorbent nonwoven fabric having a density from about  
0.01 g/cc to about 0.05 g/cc, said nonwoven fabric  
having a first major surface and a second major surface;  
and

10           an apertured film secured to at least one major  
surface of the nonwoven fabric.

15       2. The article of claim 1 wherein the fibers  
comprising the nonwoven fabric are selected from the  
group consisting of rayon, cotton, wood pulp, and  
combinations thereof.

20       3. The article of claim 1 wherein the fibers  
comprising the nonwoven fabric are bicomponent fibers.

25       4. The article of claim 1 wherein the nonwoven fabric  
comprises a blend of from about 70% to about 95% by  
weight of synthetic non-absorbent fibers and from about  
5% to about 30% by weight of absorbent fibers and has a  
basis weight ranging from about 30 gsm to about 150 gsm.

30       5. The article of claim 1 wherein the apertured film  
comprises a polymeric material selected from the group  
consisting of ethylene methyl acrylate, polyethylene,  
metallocene catalyzed polyethylene, polypropylene, and

copolymers thereof, and ethylene vinyl acetate copolymers.

6. The article of claim 1 wherein the article is a  
5 wound contacting pad for an adhesive bandage.

7. The article of claim 6 wherein the open area of the apertured film ranges from about 5 percent to about 30 percent of the total area of the apertured film.

10 8. The article of claim 7 wherein the open area of the apertured film ranges from about 10 percent to about 25 percent of the total area of the apertured film.

15 9. The article of claim 1 further comprising a top layer secured to the second major surface of said nonwoven fabric.

20 10. The article of claim 9 wherein said top layer material is a microporous film.

11. The article of claim 10 wherein the article is a disposable diaper.

25 12. The article of claim 10 wherein the article is a sanitary protection pad.

13. The article of claim 10 wherein the article is an adhesive bandage.

14. A method of making an absorbent article comprising:  
placing an apertured film on a surface with one  
major surface thereof facing upwardly;

5 applying an adhesive to a first major surface of an  
absorbent nonwoven fabric having a density from about  
0.01 g/cc to about 0.05 g/cc;

10 placing the adhesive-coated first major surface of  
the nonwoven fabric on the upwardly facing first major  
surface of the apertured film; and allowing the adhesive  
to set.

15. The method of claim 14 wherein the absorbent  
article is a diaper.

16. The method of claim 14 wherein the absorbent  
article is a sanitary pad.

17. The method of claim 14 wherein the absorbent  
20 article is an adhesive bandage.

18. The method of claim 14 wherein the first major  
surface of said apertured film comprises protuberances.